## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BUREAU MARKET DISPUTES RESOLUTION DIVISION 445 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET, S.W. WASHINGTON, DC 20554

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## Via E-mail

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Re:

Verizon Virginia LLC and Verizon South Inc. v. Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power, Proceeding No. 15-190, Bureau ID No. EB-15-MD-006

## Dear Counsel:

On May 12, 2017, Commission staffed convened a conference call with the parties to discuss whether the interim Order issued in this proceeding¹ constitutes an action that triggers the deadline for filing an application for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's rules.² In the course of that call, Counsel for Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) and counsel for Verizon Virginia LLC and Verizon South Inc. (Verizon) expressed agreement that the interim Order is not a final order for purposes of the deadline in Section 1.115. We agree and confirm that, based on our interpretation of Section 1.115, the interim Order, by its terms, is not immediately reviewable and the time to file an application for review will not commence unless and until the Enforcement Bureau or the Market Disputes Resolution Division issues a final ruling on the merits.³ In the event the parties are not able to settle the dispute, we will resolve all the issues (including those addressed in the interim order) in a final order that triggers the deadline for filing an application for review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order, Proceeding No. 15-190, Bureau ID No. EB-15-MD-006 (rel. May 1, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 CFR §1.115.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Should the rule be interpreted differently, we find good cause to waive the Section 1.115 deadline. See 47 CFR §1.3. A waiver would serve the public interest by affording the parties sufficient time to focus on reaching a negotiated settlement of the issues in dispute based on the guidance provided in the interim Order.

We issue this letter ruling pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 4(i), 4(j), 155, 208, and 224 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155, 208, and 224, and Sections 0.111, 0.311, 1.115, and 1.1415 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.111, 0.311, 1.115, and 1.1415.

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